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Subject:	Please protect Jewish students in Cambridge campuses - reject the BDS Divestment proposal
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Attachments:	SJP_Unmasked_Final_edited.pdf

Hello,

When voting on the BDS proposal to Divest from HP, please consider how your decision will affect how it will affect Israeli and Jewish students in Cambridge college campuses, such as MIT and Harvard.

Please refer to the attached report on BDS activities in US campuses.

The Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) network serves as the leading student arm of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement in the United States.

SJP is not as they claim, a “grassroots” student organization; it is a terroraffiliated anti-Semitic network that currently operates with autonomy and impunity at colleges and universities across the United States.

SJP has adopted a policy of “anti-normalization” of relations with Zionist groups and most Jewish organizations with the exception of the equally radical, antiZionist and pro-BDS Jewish Voice for Peace. Students for Justice in Palestine advances their proprietary view of Palestinian justice by undertaking initiatives to isolate, demonize, and ultimately destroy the state of Israel.

Many students and university administrations have treated SJP as a pro-Palestinian equivalent to pro-Israel student groups. However, as the attach report documents, SJP is an extremist organization that maintains affiliations with Arab and Islamic terror groups, is overtly anti-Semitic, incites hatred and violence against Jewish students, and rejects the existence of the state of Israel in any borders.

SJP has been linked to terror groups. Some have defined SJP as a campus front for Hamas at University of California, Berkeley.2 Principal backers of SJP include founders, financial patrons and ideological supporters who have been connected to Islamist terror organizations such as Hamas, Hizbullah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Students for Justice in Palestine is a byproduct of American Muslims for Palestine (AMP), an organization whose leaders were former members of Palestinian and Islamist terror organizations. AMP was founded in 2005 by the former leaders of three organizations; Kindhearts, the Islamic Association for Palestine, and the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. All three organizations were implicated by the U.S. government between 2001 and 2011 for financing Hamas.

Jewish students on campuses across the United States have been victimized by anti-Semitic vandalism, verbal attacks, and outright violence at the hands of SJP members.

Adopting the BDS Divestment proposal will result in a rise racist hatred directed towards Jewish and Israeli students in Cambridge colleges - MIT, Harvard and others.

I beg you to protect Jewish students from violence!

Please do not support a BDS proposal that will encourage these hate groups to intensity their attacks on Jews.

Yours Sincerely,

Yoni Shmueli